

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRONTIER FISHING CORP.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
v.	)	
	)	CIVIL ACTION
DONALD EVANS, Secretary of the	)	
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF	)	NO. 04-11171-DPW
COMMERCE; and CONRAD C.	)	
LAUTENBACHER JR., Under Secretary	)	
for Oceans and Atmosphere / Administrator,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
	)	

**DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR EXTENSION TO REPLY**

Defendants request that this Court permit an extension of two weeks within which to file a response to Plaintiff's Motion for Assessment of Fees Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2412.

Defendants' response is due May 12, 2006. However, defendants, due to the press of other deadlined business and prescheduled business travel, have been unable to prepare their response for filing. An issue to be addressed in the response is whether defendants were reasonably justified in their position in this litigation, and thoughtful briefing of this issue for the Court has required and will require input and consideration at several levels within the agency.

Defendants see no prejudice to Plaintiff if this motion were granted, as the extension requested is not long.

Counsel for Defendants has consulted with counsel for Plaintiff on this Motion, and counsel for Plaintiff takes no position on the Motion.

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Accordingly, Defendants request that they be permitted to file their response up to and including May 26, 2006.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service and Rule 7.1 Conference

I hereby certify that I have served the foregoing upon counsel for Plaintiff, Stephen M. Ouellette, 163 Cabot Street, Beverly, MA 01915, by electronic transmission, and I have conferred with said counsel and he has no position on this motion, both on this 13th day of May 2006.

/S/ Anita Johnson